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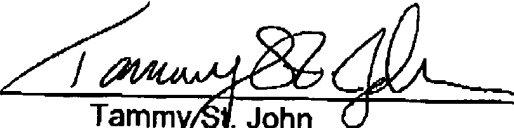
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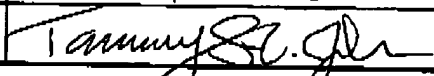
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Responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated April 22, 2004, Applicant
remarks as follows:

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, 14 and 15 remain in the application.

A Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee(s) Due statement was issued by
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2004. However, there remains prior art which was submitted by Applicant but
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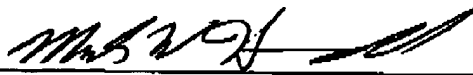
which accompanied an Information Disclosure Statement signed and filed on August 3, 2001. Said Form PTO-1449, dated June 13, 2003 by the Examiner, was partially signed by the Examiner and attached to the Office Action dated June 19, 2003. The "Other References" as listed on said Form PTO-1449, dated June 13, 2003, were not signed by the Examiner at that time. Copies of said Form PTO-1449, dated June 13, 2003, and applicable cited art are attached hereto.

Pursuant to a telephone call with the Examiner on April 29, 2004, said Form PTO-1449 dated June 13, 2003, is submitted herewith with a courtesy copy of the applicable cited art for the Examiner's convenience in initialing and returning the initialed PTO-1449 to the undersigned.

If the Examiner concurs with the above-stated position, it is respectfully requested that the Form PTO-1449 be fully initialed as evidencing that the Examiner has indeed considered the subject citations, including the "Other References" as cited therein, and then be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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